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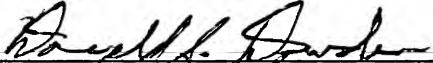
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CLAIM FOR SMALL-ENTITY STATUS AND REQUEST FOR REFUND

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

We are submitting herewith an Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status - Small Business Concern, which refers to the application identified above by the title and name of the inventors. The undersigned hereby certifies that it identifies application serial number 10/019,323, filed December 21, 2001 (attorney docket number 0796/66435).

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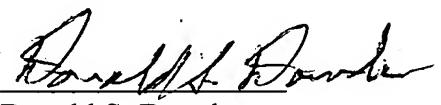
We hereby claim small-entity status for this application.

On December 21, 2001, we filed with the USPTO a new patent application based on large entity status and paid a filing fee of \$890.00. It has now been determined that the application qualifies for small-entity status.

The applicants therefore hereby request a refund of half the filing fee, namely a refund in the amount of \$445.00.

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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